

Tiverton Open Space Commission

Minutes of October 15, 2007

Present: Garry Plunkett (co-chair), Ginger Lacy (co-chair), Phil Schuyler, Martin Van Hof,, Martha Moore, Brian Janes, Dick Bixby, Susan Anderson and Gayle Lawrence

Guests: Glenn Steckman (Town Administrator), Jack Cook, Gary Rose, Debbie Ebbitt, Diane Toste (Recreation Committee)

Call to order at 7:05 p.m., Essex Library

Minutes: The minutes of September 17, 2007 were accepted, as corrected..

New Business:

A. Recreation Committee presentation: outlined need for land for new soccer complex (5-7 acres), including details of youth programs and major scheduling difficulties. TOSC agreed to provide data on Town owned properties that might suit their needs. Susan Anderson will communicate with Jack Cook.

B. Town Administrator Steckman provided a brief summary of the Town's efforts to combat vandalism on Town properties. Discussion followed.

C. Next year's budget request was considered. **Motion:** To approve as presented. **Passed.**

D. Motion: To approve the Certificate of Appreciation to honor Lucien Lebreux. **Passed.**

E. It was agreed that there was a sense of TOSC members to support the effort to create a Tiverton Historic Preservation Commission. Garry suggested that when/if such a Commission was created that it would be appropriate to turn over the responsibility for Fort Barton to this body. TOSC would continue to be responsible for Fort Barton Woods. There was general agreement with this idea.

F. The upcoming lecture by Wayne Peterson was discussed. Flyers were being distributed. Volunteers needed for setting up chairs, etc. at St. Theresa's church on the night of the lecture.

Weetamoo Woods:

Garry reported on the current status of work in progress – LJ has completed the clearing of brush at the Kirwin entry. Dick & Garry have done more clearing along the cart path into Kirwin. The trailer removal is set to go from Kirwin.

There was discussion of new trail possibilities in the Kirwin, Babcock and Dugan-Almy properties, based on a map provided by Garry. It was agreed to schedule a walk to investigate the terrain for the trails on Sunday afternoon, November 11, starting at 1:00 p.m. at the East Road entrance. Further discussion revolved around the East Road entry plan, signage and the siting of a new kiosk.

Signage: Ginger passed out some examples of possible signs. Discussion.

Motion: To use monies from the RI Trails Advisory Grant to purchase signs, when the final versions are approved and a quote is obtained. **Passed.**

Budget/Finance: Phil reported the following account totals: Conveyance: (\$68,805.49), Open Space: \$3125.00, Fort Barton: \$1900.15, Open Space Stewardship: \$4196.79, Pocassetlands Stewardship: \$1000.00.

Meeting adjourned: 9:21 p.m..

Next meeting: Monday, November 19, 2007, at 7:00 p.m., at the Essex Library.

Submitted by J.P. Schuyler